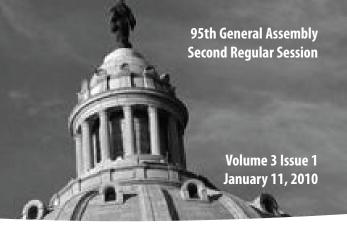
THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE



FLOOR ACTION

On Thursday, January 7, the following bills were referred to the **House Special Committee on Health Insurance:**

- **HB 1311** Requires health carriers issuing or renewing a health benefit plan to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.
- **HB 1341** Requires certain health benefit plans to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders to individuals who are younger than 18 years of age.

HOUSE WELCOMES NEWEST MEMBER

The House also welcomed its newest member last week. Representative Stacey Newman of Richmond Heights was sworn in as the representative from the 73rd House District. She was elected to fill the vacancy in a special election in November.



Photo of the Week

Representative Stacey Newman is sworn in as the newest member of the House.

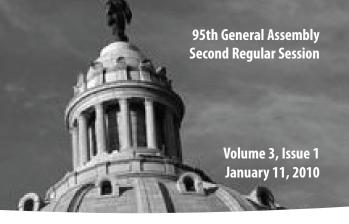
BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions as of 1/11/10 11 a.m.

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# of House Bills Filed	385
# HBs Referred to Committee	2
# HBs Reported Do Pass	0
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	0
# HBs Perfected	0
# HBs Third Read	0
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	0
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0



THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE





When first unveiled in 1935, the Thomas Hart Benton mural in the House Lounge sparked controversy among legislators with its bold and vivid scenes of everyday Missouri life. Surviving attempts to whitewash it, Benton's "Social History of Missouri" is now a source of pride and a popular stop for visitors to the Capitol.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- Jan. 20 Joint Session - State of the State at 7
 - Feb. 3- Joint Session p.m. State of the Judiciary at
 - 10:30 a.m. March 4 - Spring Break

 - March 15- Spring Break begins
 - April 1- Deadline for ends
 - filing bills April 5- Easter Break

FAST FACTS

- There are 163 districts represented in the House of Representatives.
- The are currently 159 members and 4 vacancies in the House. Districts 27, 56, 57 and 62.
- 87 are Republicans and 72 are Democrats.

- This session, there are 34 women and 125 men serving in the House.
- Of the women serving in the House, 25 are Democrats and 9 are Republicans.
- Of the men, 47 are Democrats and 78 are Republicans.
- In 1993, Missourians voted for term limits for legislators. House members are limited to four two-year terms in office.
- In the 2010 election, 52 current members will not be eligible to run again for the House due to term limits.